



Plenty Valley
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EDITORIAL

Last week 150 parents and students came to see our open day. Interest in our college continues to grow and our classes are filling as parents are hearing, *from you*, what a great school we have. If you know families considering enrolment in the next few years, please encourage them to get in early. There are a growing number of year levels that fill on first round offers, 18 months before the students start.

Many families wanted to know what our priorities for enrolment are. Like most schools we look for families that align with our values and desires for our students. It would be unfair to enrol a student from a family with different expectation than we can deliver. That only leads to frustration and disappointment.

So as a Christian school we will naturally want to enrol families that seek a Christian education as a high priority. Then since we have a commitment to our present families, we accept siblings next. Then we look for families which most strongly support our values.

The recent parent survey identified the top three deep hopes of our current families. These were clearly articulated in the vast majority of responses. They are, in order of strength, a Christian perspective and value-base demonstrated in everything that we teach and do, a well-rounded education and positive character development. We are pleased to see a strong alignment with these parent hopes and our strategic goals for the college.

It is a powerful thing when parents deep desires for their child's schooling align with those of the school. This definitely has a significant influence on setting a child on the right path.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov 22:6

Of course, this is not an iron-clad law. However, we know that consistent encouragement, loving boundaries and training does develop values and character.

Building work is still going on in the middle of our secondary school and it is looking good. The project has had a few glitches but, as some were always expected, it remains on time and on budget. Our builders, Ajay Construction, have been considerate and good communicators. We are still looking forward to an August completion celebration to align with our big 40-year anniversary celebrations.

John Metcalfe
Principal



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COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN FOR PLENTY KIDS & PRIMARY



Our first Colour Explosion Fun Run for Plenty Kids and Primary students took place last Friday 21 May and was such a fabulous event full of colour, fun and smiles! With glorious blue skies and sunshine (special thanks to those who prayed for the weather!), students completed a circuit of obstacles and activities on the Primary oval with their classmates and teachers, while being squirted with coloured powder. It was definitely the brightest day at school!

So many people helped in bringing this event together and making it a memorable day. Thank-you to the Parents and Friends Group, parent volunteers and the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh student volunteers, as well as the many staff who helped in lots of ways. It was wonderful to see lots of spectators also come along to enjoy the day.

Fundraising is still going strong at almost \$17,000, which is amazing - thanks for your support! Although the event has passed, it's still not too late to keep the donations coming or even to get started, as fundraising doesn't close until Friday 4 June. Student online fundraising profiles can be easily and safely created at www.myprofilepage.com.au to share with family and friends and there are many exciting incentive prizes students can choose from by raising from \$10. Funds raised will go toward improving outdoor play facilities for students, so it's a win-win!



Any cash donations should be handed to the Business Office as soon as possible. Incentive prizes can be ordered from now until Friday 4 June, either online at www.myprofilepage.com.au or by returning the back page of the fundraising booklet with prize selection to the office.



Plans are already in progress for the Colour Explosion Fun Run secondary event later this year, which will be huge!

Jessica Patterson
Community Relations Officer



A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

CSEF Allowance forms - the Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Allowance is available for application for students of families holding a valid means-tested concession card or for temporary foster parents. **Submissions close on 24 June 2021.**

- For more information about the CSEF Allowance and eligibility criteria visit [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(education.vic.gov.au](http://Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (education.vic.gov.au)
- If you have applied for the CSEF Allowance in 2020, a new application form for 2021 **is not required** unless a new student has commenced at the college in 2021, or your family circumstances have changed resulting in a change of name or concession card number.
- For new applicants, please complete the [application form](#) and email it to the Business Office at accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au

**Monday 7 June -
Friday 11 June**
Year 10 & 11 Exams

Wednesday 9 June
VCE GAT Exam

Monday 14 June
Public Holiday
Queen's Birthday

**Year 10 Work
Experience**
Monday 21 June -
Friday 25 June

Primary French Day
Monday 21 June

**Year 9 Wollangarra/
SCIP/Urban Mission**
Monday 21 June -
Friday 25 June

End of Term 2
Friday 25 June

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PRIMARY PE & SPORT

Year 5/6 Sport

Round 2 v Glen Katherine

Netball A – lost (player of the match; Ayla J)

Netball B – lost (player of the match; Heaven G)

Soccer boys – won (player of the match; Jarvis G)

Soccer girls – lost (player of the match; April A)

AFL- lost (player of the match; Josh F)

Softball Boys – lost (player of the match; Isaak E)

Softball Girls – lost (player of the match; Bella T)

Round 2 v BYE

Softball mixed – BYE

Round 3 v Greenhills

Netball A – lost (player of the match; Svava J)

Netball B – won (player of the match; Kiara C)

Soccer boys – won (player of the match; Elijah A)

Soccer girls – lost (player of the match; Amber K)

AFL- won (player of the match; Henry F)

Softball Boys – lost (player of the match; Archie P)

Softball Girls – lost (player of the match; Rhea G)

Round 2 v Diamond Creek PS

Softball mixed – lost (player of the match; Matari S)

Sally Donaldson

Primary PE

District Cross Country

On Thursday 20 May, 55 students from years 3-6 represented the college at the District Cross Country. It was held at Bundoora Park and the students in 8/9/10 year old age group ran a 2.5km course, while the 11 & 12/13 year old age group ran a 3km course. Congratulations to all of the students for completing the course while running against up to 100 students from other schools.

A massive congratulations to the students who finished in the top 10 of their race and qualified to go to Division Cross Country.

Amie P 7th

Elijah A 3rd

Josh F 1st

Henry F 2nd

Kobi M 3rd

Jarvis G 8th



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FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Welcome to this week's Careers Newsletter! You will find lots of important information in this edition including university experience days and campus tours. Also there is information on different courses available from various tertiary institutions.

Don't forget also to check out our **PVCC Careers website** for important information for students and parents. You can find our site at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au> and view the "[Calendar of Events](#)".

Dates to Diarise

- **Year 10 Work Experience** – 21 June – 25 June
- **Latrobe University ASPIRE presentation for Year 12 students** – Friday 11 June.
- **Initial Subject online Preference survey for Year 11 (2022) students** – Friday 11 June – Tuesday 15 June.

I am more than happy to assist students and parents. I can be contacted at:

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Helen Madden

Careers Practitioner/VET Coordinator

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SECONDARY SPORT



Year 7 Girls' Volleyball

This team had their first win of the season last week!

Some of the football girls helped out the volleyballers as the team was short and AFL had a bye. The girls defeated Oxley 75 - 59 which was a great confidence booster!

Well done girls!

Victorian School Association Competition (VSAC) – Swimming 2021

This prestigious swimming carnival comprises a competition for the best Victorian interschool sporting associations and was held at MSAC on Monday 10 May.

All the top associations were represented - there were 13 altogether including the APS, AGSV, ACS, GSV, CSEN etc.

Ryan C from Year 10 was the sole Plenty Valley swimmer to gain an invitation to swim for the EISM.

Ryan came 1st in his individual event 50m breaststroke! He also represented EISM in a number of relays.

Event 2 Boys 6x50 LC Meter Freestyle Relay 6x50 – EISM 5th

Event 11 Boys 200 LC Meter Backstroke Relay 4x50 – EISM 5th

Event 21 Boys 200 LC Meter Breaststroke Relay 4x50 – EISM 3rd

Event 38 Boys 14-15 50 LC Meter Breaststroke – Ryan C 1st

Overall EISM finished an impressive 3rd with 630 points.

Congratulations to Ryan on another fantastic achievement in swimming!

Helen Padget

Head of Secondary Sport



THE DO'S & DON'TS OF DISCIPLINE



FREE WEBINAR

Justin
COULSON

Ask a few parents about what they're trying to achieve with discipline and you'll hear A LOT of different ideas.

Take these for example:

"I want to teach my kids **right from wrong**"

"**I need cooperation** from them"

"I want them to **listen to me**"

"I just **want some quiet!**"

"I'm trying to **stop bad behaviour**"

None of them are necessarily incorrect or wrong. Sometimes we do need quiet or cooperation. But whatever we think, none of us discipline our children wanting to hurt the relationship - and that's a real risk if we go about it the wrong way.

The good news is that when you know how to discipline your kids without creating resentment or resistance, you're a big step closer to a happier family.

And that's what we're diving into with our next Happy Families free webinar: The Do's and Don'ts of Discipline.

In the webinar, I'll be talking about:

Why the centuries-old strategies we still cling to should be left in the past

How **we get discipline wrong** and why

The secret to perfect discipline (the secret is simple to learn, but hard in practice)

Real-world examples of discipline that are as imperfect as you and your kids but still work

Ideas for discipline that **turn everything you thought you knew about the topic on its head**

Ultimately, this webinar is about giving you a truckload of ideas about better discipline and more importantly, a new understanding of how vital this part of parenting is to a happy home.

The webinar is happening on **Thursday, 10 June, at 8pm AEST.**

(That's 6pm WA time, 7:30pm SA time, and 10pm NZ time.)

[Find all the details and register for free right here](#) (or one click register below).

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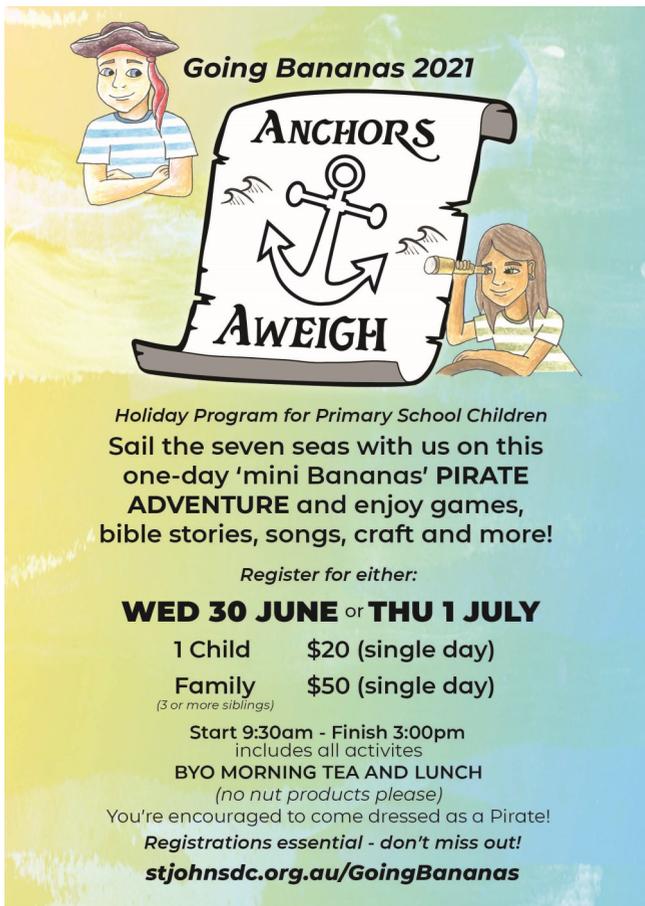
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Going Bananas 2021

ANCHORS AWEIGH

Holiday Program for Primary School Children
Sail the seven seas with us on this one-day 'mini Bananas' **PIRATE ADVENTURE** and enjoy games, bible stories, songs, craft and more!

Register for either:

WED 30 JUNE or **THU 1 JULY**

1 Child	\$20 (single day)
Family <small>(3 or more siblings)</small>	\$50 (single day)

Start 9:30am - Finish 3:00pm
includes all activities
BYO MORNING TEA AND LUNCH
(no nut products please)

You're encouraged to come dressed as a Pirate!
Registrations essential - don't miss out!
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